Electronic Audit of Emissions Data

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Electronic Audit Goals

- ◆ Ensure Quality Of The Emissions Data
- ◆ Reduce Monitoring And Reporting Costs



Electronic Audit Objectives

- ◆ Identify Reporting Issues
 - Repetitious Errors
 - Honest Mistakes
 - Intentional Misrepresentations
 - Technology And Operational Trends Assessment
 - Find Opportunities For Reducing Measurement And Reporting



Potential Audit Products

- Need For Reporting, Rule Or Policy Adjustments
- Criteria For Field Audits
- ◆ Field Studies
- **◆** Training For Sources



Need For Reporting, Rule Or Policy Adjustments

- Reduced Reporting for Turbines
- ♦ By-pass Stacks
- MDC/EDR Changes
- Reduce The Number Of Recertification Events



Identify Criteria For Field Audits

- Percent Monitor Availability
- Extended Missing Data Periods
- Aborted Or Failed Linearities Or RATAs
- Missed Quarterly Linearity or Flow-to-Load Test
- ◆ Failed Daily Calibration Error Tests
- Miscalculated Emissions



Field Studies

- ◆ Do Particular Unit Configurations Match Up to Lower Emission Rates?
- ◆ Do Certain Types Of Monitors Or Source Pairings Result in Lower Emissions Or Lower Monitor Downtime?



Training For Sources

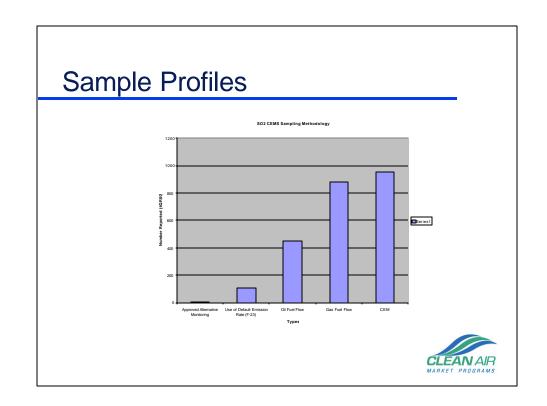
- Cylinder Gas Audits
- ◆ Record Types 614/615
- QA/QC Plans
- Other Areas

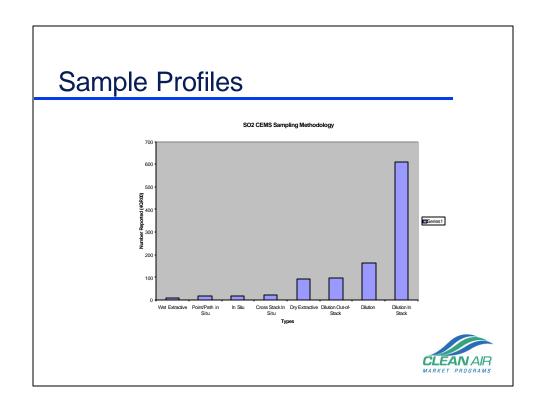


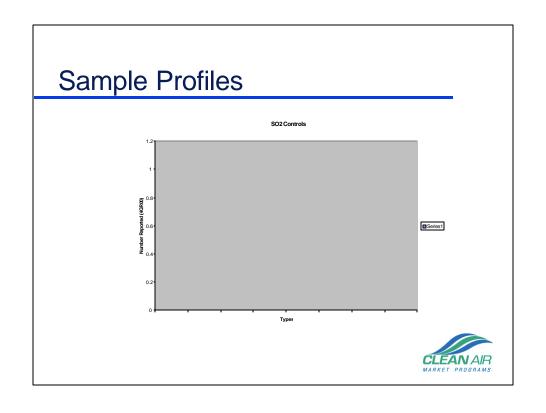
Examples Of Current Year Electronic Audit Activities

- Develop Industry Profiles
- ◆ Developed Targeting Criteria And Used Those Criteria To Identify Units For Field Audits
- Evaluating Petition Requests
- Characterizing Emissions Data To Establish Unit Classes
- Developing Suspect Data Criteria





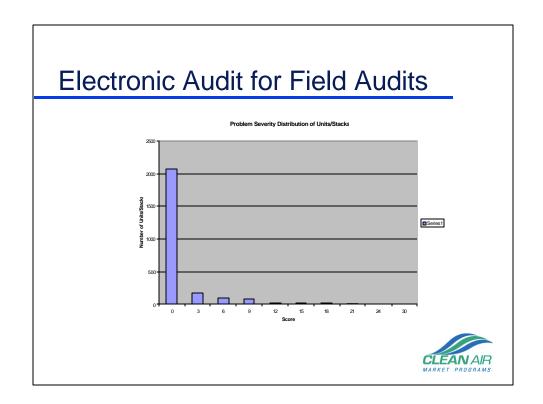




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Example Unit: Potential Problems

- ◆ PMA Acceptable
- Missing Data Periods Acceptable
- ◆ Failed Linearity or RATA Acceptable
- Missing Lin/Flow-to-Load Acceptable
- Daily Calibration Error
 - (Failed Between 10% and 15% of tests)
- Miscalculated Emissions Data Acceptable



Example Unit: Significant Problems

- PMA
 - More Than One Parameter Less Than 90%
- Missing Data Periods
 - More Than Six Segments of 168 consecutive Hours Failed Linearity
- ◆ Failed RATA Acceptable



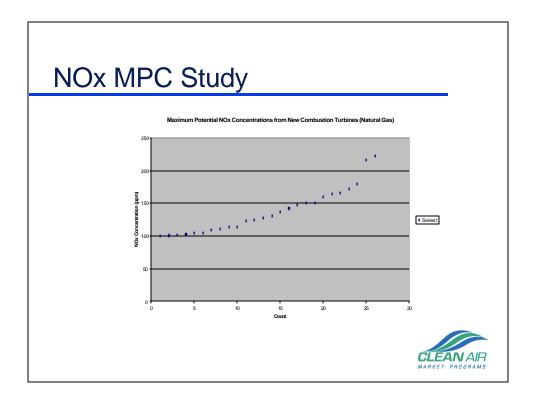
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Evaluating Petition Requests





Future Electronic Audit Investigation Topics

- ◆ Use Of Substitute Data Procedures
 - Maximum Potential Concentrations Application
 - Out of control periods
- Add on controls
 - Operating Trends
 - Maximum Expected Concentrations (MEC), etc.
- ◆ By-pass stack issues



Future Electronic Audit Investigation Topics

- Comparing Trends to Specific Units
- Monitoring Methodologies & Streamlining
- ◆ Technologies



Bottom Line

• We Are Using And Learning From The Data!

